

## Mobile Children's Heart Gallery

Remarks by Gov. Jan Brewer Thursday, May 8 2014, 4 p.m. Scottsdale Fashion Square

Thank you, Pastor Crist, and good afternoon, everyone.

I'm pleased to be here today among so many generous and dedicated advocates for Arizona children.

It is a great honor to participate in the unveiling of this marvelous mobile Children's Heart Gallery, which will help share the story of Arizona's foster children waiting to be adopted -- and how we can make life better for them.

This display will serve as a heart-warming and public reminder of the plight of children growing up in Arizona lacking what they need and deserve most: a loving, nurturing, and FOREVER family to provide a solid foundation for a productive life.

My hope is that people who see this display here -- and across Arizona -- will be moved by these children and youth.

And that some of them will decide to open their homes and their hearts for a child yearning for a family to call their own.

I want to thank JohnJay and Rich from KISS-FM, and the JohnJay and Rich Care for Kids Foundation -- not only for this generous gift to the community, but also for everything you do for Arizona children throughout the year.

It's great to see people in your business – who own so much of the public's attention – spend that level of energy on helping children.

And your gift is particularly relevant now because May is Foster Care Awareness Month.

I'd also like to thank the many citizens, organizations and churches that have made it their mission to connect children and families ... and to support and love the kids in our foster care system.

As a community, we owe all of Arizona's children a healthy, secure and loving start in life. And that begins with a stable home life. These kids are our future.

On behalf of the people of Arizona, thank you again for this gift. I know you will keep up the exceptional and important work you do on behalf of our children.

## Thank you.

Now, I'd like to introduce you to a man who -- time and again -- has proven to be a strong and tireless advocate for Arizona's youth.

Whether as Director of Juvenile Corrections ... head of the CARE Team ... or in his current role overseeing the NEW Division of Child Safety and Family Services, Charles Flanagan has made Arizona's children a priority!

We thank him for the terrific work he does on behalf of Arizona.

Please help me welcome Charles Flanagan ...